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Keystone School 1898-1918



Chester Center 1924-1966

Southern Wells 1966-?



Chester Township Schools

The consolidated school building at Chester Center was the outgrowth of a need that had existed since the old building at Keystone was condemed for high school purposes in 1919. Actual construction work was not begun until the spring of 1922 by contractors, Gordon and Reiff, of Liberty Center, under the direction of Architect Everett I. Brown of Bluffton. Labor troubles hindered the work considerably during the first season, but by the time winter set in, the building had been enclosed and roofed. Work was resumed early in the spring of 1923, and the building was completed and occupied for school purposes on September 24, 1923. At that time, students from ten other Chester Township Schools were consolidating into one school which was called Chester Center. Those ten one-room schools were: McCallister, Slocum, Noe, Red, Chester, Gavin, Maddox, Shields, Five Points, and Keystone.

The building was one of the largest and most completely equipped in the county, and one of which the good people of the township were justly proud. The grounds were improved and beautified during the summer of 1924.

The members of the first graduating class were: Doris Arnold, Myrtle
Brinneman, Chauncey Ladd, Mary Minnich, Gladys Smith, and Ruth Weaver.
The members of the last graduating class are: Rose Abner, Michael Frantz,
Cathy Hamilton, Dennis Hendricks, Lee Hilkert, Dedria Johnson, James Johnson,
Charlene Katte, Karen Keller, Lamoine Nusbaumer, Jackie Riesen, Mike Sutton,
and Judy Walker.

During the 1956 school year a new Agriculture Building was erected near the present Chester Building.

In the November election of 1962, the four southern townships of Wells

County voted to consolidate their schools. On January 1, 1963, Chester Center,

Liberty Center, Jackson Center, and Petroleum became known as the Southern

Wells Community Schools.



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MR. LLOYD BIBERSTINE Superintendent Southern Wells Schools

MR. WILLIAM PAYNE Principal



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Mr. Charles Day.

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Fifth Grade



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Sixth Grade



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MRS. MARIE RICE Secretary to the Superintendent

Roll Of Honor

Valedictorian Judy Walker

Salutatorian Karen Keller

Burns Scholarship Winners

Judy Walker Lamoine Nusbaumer

Good Citizen Award
Cathy Hamilton
Lamoine Nusbaumer

D. A. K. Good Citizen Award
Karen Keller

Danforth Leadership Awards
Lee Hilkert
Karen Keller

Members Of National Honorary Society

Judy Walker

Attendance Award

Dee Dee Johnson
Lamoine Nusbaumer

Magazine High Salesman

Homecoming Queen
Karen Keller

Hoosier Girls' State
Karen Keller

Hoosier Boys' State
Jim Johnson

Most Valuable Player Award
Richard Dickason

Free Throw Award
Dennis Hendricks

Betty Crocker Good Homemaking Award

Jackie Riesen

4-H Awards

KEY CLUB AWARD
COUNTY RECORDBOOK AWARD WINNER
NATIONAL JUNIOR HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL CLUB CONGRESS
P. C. A. AWARD CERTIFICATE AND BOND

Lee Hilkert

County 4-H Queen
Dixie Shannon

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CCHS



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CATHRYX HAMILTON "Of Dear"



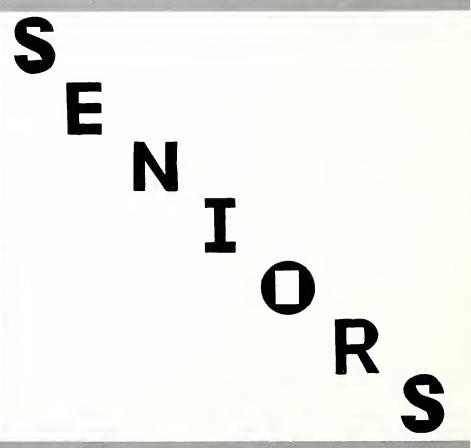
POSE ABNER "I ve Got A Problem"



CHARLENG KATTE



KAREN YELLER "01 Singks"





TACKIE RIESEN "I'm Prond Of You



JUDY WALKER "So What"



MRS. DAVIDSON Sponsor



LFE HILKERT



DENNIS HENDRICKS
"Shoot the works"



MICHAEL FRANTZ "You Cottonpicker"



IIM JOHNSON "Who Me"

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MIKE SUTTON "You Ain't Wrong"



MR. GILSERT 5ponsor



The Junior Class Gave Us An Evening "Under The Stars" Which We Shall Never Forget.







With Our First Goal Achieved,



We Were Honored At

Commencement

And

Baccalaureate

Exercises







We Have Labored, Had Problems, And Enjoyed Our Stay At Chester Center High



Dennis Atkinson Richard Dickason Terry Halterman Dan Hartman Jenelle Holloway

Kay Johnson Sally Jost Sheryl Laudig Rick Mounsey Barbara Nusbaumer

Karen Oswalt Sharon Oswalt Doug Riesen Gene Ruse Dixie Shannon

Sara Stroud Joan Sutton Donna Velasquez Joyce Walker





The junior class officers are: President, Dick Dickason; Vice-President, Rick Mounsey; Secretary, Joyce Walker, Treasurer, Jenelle Holloway; and Reporter, Karen Oswalt.

The sophomore class officers are: President, Allen Fuller; Vice-President, Earl Hanni; Secretary, Kathy Zent; Treasurer, Kathy Hoving and Reporter, Connie Zent.



Bill Davidson Dean DeVoe Jim Frantz



Dennis Harris Jill Holloway Kathy Hoving Susie Huffman Bob Johnson

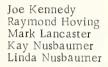
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Mike Rehling Ted Showalter Judy Sleppy Kathy Zent Connie Zent



Jerry Brown Janis Davis Vicki Frantz Tom Gearheart Tom Grover





Keith Paxson Gary Ramseyer Ed Shannon Carol Sills Kathy Sills

Randy Slaughter Diane Sutton Carol Tucker Dale Velasquez Connie Wilson





Freshman class officers are: President, Joe Kennedy; Vice-President, Keith Paxson; Treasurer, Barbara Hanni; Secretary, Carol Sills; and Reporter, Janis Davis.



The eighth grade class officers are: President, Kathy Martin; Vice-President, Gary Sleppy; Secretary. Cindy Sleppy and Reporter, Judy King.



Beth Atkinson Mike Bradley Joe Dickason

Robert Hamilton David Hartman Delaine Hartman Jim Holloway Jennie Huffman

Linda Johnson Judy King Betty Liest Kathy Martin Bill Morgan

Rodney Mounsey Bruce Osborn Vicki Riesen Cindy Sleppy Gary Sleppy

Nancy Stroud Steve Sutton Lana Thompson Darrell Velasquez Bill Weatherholt

Paul Flick Joe Gearheart Tim Grimm Steve Haines Susie Haines

Bob Halterman Glen Hanni Raymond Hartman Jerri Holloway Carl Keller

Robert Leist Tom McElhaney Janet Paxson Rick Ramseyer Steve Roush

Kathy Showalter Mike Sills Beth Simpson Sandy Sleppy Judy Sutton



Keith Tucker Barbara Velasquez Connie Zoll



Scott Zoll



Seventh grade class officers: President, Scott Zoll; Vice-President, Jerri Holloway; Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Haines; Reporter, Steve Roush.

Under the direction of Mr. Warren Morton



John Briles Barbara Capper

Barbara Cupp Dexter Falk Larry Hartman

Gary Herring Carol Martin Cheryl Mounsey

Jennifer Ramseyer Randy Riesen Mike Sharpe Connie Slentz

Charles Van Camp Janet Walker Judy Weatherholt Michelle Zoll

Under the direction of Mrs. Marguerite Gaiser



Lee Gearheart Deborah Hamilton Mark Hamilton

Larry Huffman Jon Holloway Bill Katte David Keller

Anita King Rhea Merchant Rick Murray Marlene Nusbaumer

Loretta Rains Karen Rogers David Sharpe Sandra Slentz Mike Surfus

Dana Tucker Ricky Velasquez Sandy Myers Bruce Zehner Ruth Ann Zoll

Under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Johnson



Danny Briles Dennis Carnes Sara Gearheart Garry Gephart Rodney Gephart

Bobby Gerard Debra Glessner Pam Grimm Marty Grover Terry Herring

Jeff Holloway Vicki Mounsey Linc Murray Tom Ramseyer Denise Roush

Rose Mary Stroud Steve Studebaker Kathy Van Camp Barbara Zoll

Under the direction of Mrs. Donna Simpson

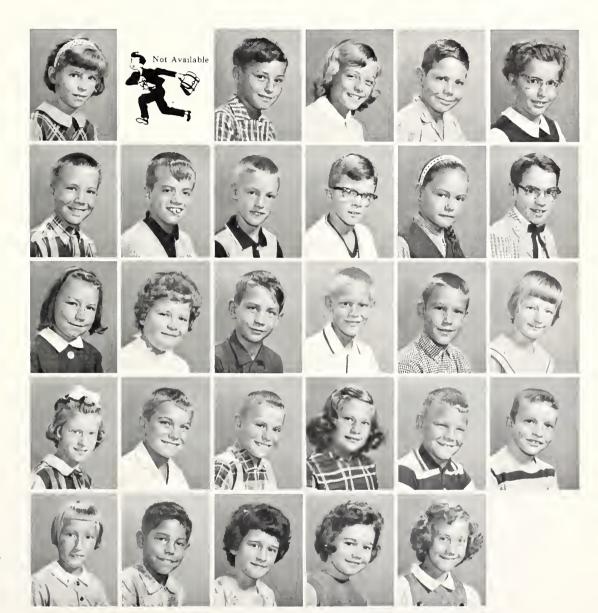
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Gary Flick Gary Frantz Mark Grimm Gary Harris Mary Hartman Bob Hartman

Doris Hogston Carol Lee Dave Meade Mike Murray Richard Myers Mary Nestleroad

Kathy Noble Dave Ramseyer Jackie Ramseyer Louise Rogers Steve Slentz Jerry Sleppy

Becky Swartz Randy Velasquez Jean Walker Vicki Wilson Doby Zehner



Under the direction of Mrs. Katheryn Renner



Seth Anderson Kim Carnes Mike Carter Steve Gearheart Roger Gephart

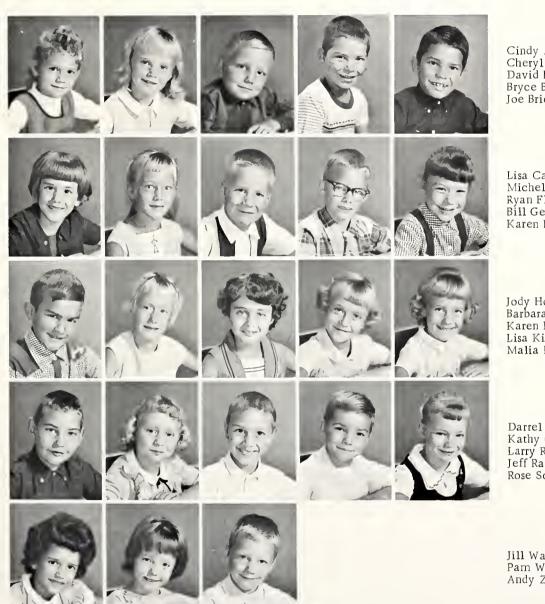
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Kim Murray Terry McElhaney Charles Nestleroad Kay Rogers Becky Ramseyer

Sandy Sills Cindy Sharpe Mike Studebaker Sandy Weatherholt

Shirley Velasquez Jerry Zehner Vickie Zent

Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Sine



Cindy Anderson Cheryl Baker David Bradley Bryce Brickley Joe Brickley

Lisa Carnes Michelle Dupuy Ryan Flick Bill Gerard Karen Hogston

Jody Holloway Barbara Keller Karen Kershner Lisa King Malia Lancaster

Darrel Nusbaumer Kathy Oswalt Larry Rains Jeff Ramseyer Rose Schlottes

Jill Walker Pam Wilson Andy Zehner



Student Council

These students are in charge of the activities and school entertainment.

The Students Keep Very Busy With Activities

Movie Operators

These boys are responsible for showing films to the classes.



Librarians

These are the students who take charge of the library books and cards.



Girls' 4-H

Their Goal: To do the very best possible.

Junior Leaders

These students offer guidance to the other 4-H members.



Boys' 4-H

This club strives to make the best better.

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Here are the future farmers of our community.





Sunshine Society

This club brings Sunshine to those in the community.

Band

These band members provide us with musical selections.



Chorus

These members brighten our spirits with their talent.





Bowling Club

These students are the top pin-spillers of the school.

Key Club

In order to be in this club, a student must have an outstanding 4-H record book.

G.A.A.

Girls enjoy athletic activities, also.



Office Staff



These hard working Senior girls help in the office with administrative clerical work.

National Honor Society

These students rank high in scholastic achievement, maintaining a B+ average; they must be Sophomores, and must pass a test given by the faculty in which they rank high in leadership and service.



Judy Walker Editor of Yearbook

Yearbook And Newspaper Staff



Karen Keller Editor of Newspaper



FIRST ROW: Judy Walker, Dee Dee Johnson, SECOND ROW: Charlene Katte, Rose Abner, Jackie Riesen, Karen Keller. THIRD ROW: Lee Hilkert, Dennis Hendricks, Jim Johnson, Mr. Payne.



Charlene Katte Business Manager, Yearbook



Rose Abner Layout Editor



Jim Johnson Sports Editor



Jackie Riesen Business Manager, Newspaper

School Personnel Keep Busy



These smiling faces greet us each day as we pass through the lunch line.



Mr. Walker cleans up the paperwads, notes and such.





Teacher Aides - Marilyn Perry and Barbara Shadle.



These jolly bus drivers greet us each morning and evening.



THE SENIORS PRESENTED

"Going Places"

Grandmother Maxwell	Dee Dee Johnson
Mr. Maxwell	. Mike Sutton
Grandfather Maxwell	Michael Frantz
Mrs. Maxwell	Rose Abner
Mr. Brown	Lee Hilkert
Wilbur Maxwell	Jim Johnson
Hercules Nelson	Dennis Hendricks
Mr. Hinkly Lam	oine Nusbaumer
Connie Máxwell	
Bernadine Smith	. Jackie Riesen
Betty Lou Maxwell	. Karen Keller







The Homecoming Activities



Dee Dee Johnson Lamoine Nusbaumer

Queen



Karen Keller Michael Frantz

Jackie Riesen Mike Sutton



Of 1965-66



Juniors Sheryl Laudig Terry Halterman



Sophomores Marilyn Osborn Earl Hanni



Freshmen Vicki Frantz Ed Shannon



Eighth Graders Cindy Sleppy Joe Dickason



Seventh Graders Sandy Sleppy Carl Keller



Flower Girl - Michelle Dupuy Crown Bearer - Ryan Flick

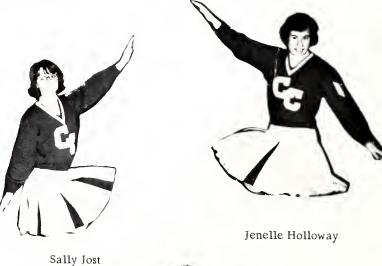


Left to right: J. Johnson, E. Shannon, K. Paxson, R. Mounsey, M. Sutton, D. Hendricks, R. Dickason, B. Davidson, T. Gearheart, J. Frantz, L. Herring. KNEELING: Coach Kethcart and Mike Frantz, Student Manager.

Varsity



Mr. Robert Kethcart, coach and Mr. Morton, assistant, discuss plays.





Dixie Shannon

Varsity Cheerleaders



KNEELING, left to right: M. Grover, K. Nusbaumer, T. Showalter, L. Herring, P. Ramseyer, M. Rehling. STANDING: E. Shannon, B. Davidson, T. Gearheart, J. Frantz, A. Fuller, and Coach Morton.

"B" Team

CHESTER CENTER INDIANS 1965 - 1966

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov.	5	Pennville T
Nov.	16	Warren T
Nov.	19	Liberty Center H (Jackson)
Nov.	23	Rockcreek H (Jackson)
Nov.	26	Petroleum H (Montpelier)
Dec.	3	Montpelier T
Dec.	7	Lancaster (H) T
Dec.	10	Jackson H (Roll)
Dec.	17	Ridgeville T (Pennville)
Dec.	21	Union T
Jan.	4	Whites' H (Jackson)
Jan.	8	Blind Tourney (Bluffton)
Jan	14	Hoagland T
Jan.	21	Jackson T
Jan	22	Petroleum T
Jan.	28	Eastbrook T
Feb.	8	Center H (Jackson)
Feb.	12	Marion Bennett T
Feb.	18	Lancaster (W) T
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Coach — Bob Kethcart
Ass't Coach — Warren Morton
Principal — Bill Payne



The "B" team yell leaders for the 1965-66 season were: Kathy Zent, Connie Zent and Diane Sutton.

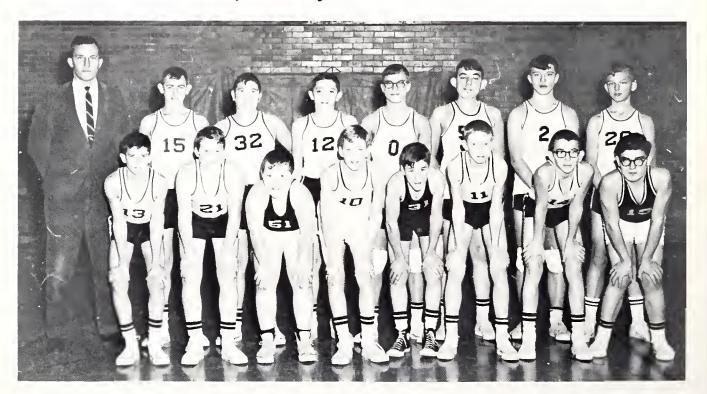


Cross Country

- R. Hoving
 P. Ramseyer
 K. Paxson
 D. Dickason

- R. Mounsey

Ir. High Basketball



STANDING: Coach J. Gilbert, R. Mounsey, B. Osborn, R. Hartman, J. Dickason, J. Holloway, G. Sleppy, K. Tucker. FRONT ROW: S. Haines, M. Sills, B. Halterman, P. Flick, C. Keller, T. Grimm, J. Gearheart, S. Zoll.



The Fifth and Sixth Teams STANDING: Coach Morton, L. Hartman, C. VanCamp, D. Falk, B. Herring, J. Briles, B. Zehner, M. Hamilton, R. Murray, KNEELING: J. Holloway, B. Katte, L. Gearheart, M. Surfus.

The Seventh and Eighth grade cheerleaders for the 1965-66 season were, left to right: Vicki Riesen, Jerri Holloway, Cindy Sleppy and Susie Haines.





The cheer block was urged on by these cheerleaders: S. Myers, R. Zoll, J. Weatherholt, C. Mounsey, M. Zoll, L. Rains, R. Merchant, K. Rogers, A. King, and M. Nusbaumer.



Baseball Team

KNEELING: D. Hendricks and D. Dickason. STANDING: J. Johnson, K. Nusbaumer, E. Shannon, J. Frantz, M. Grover, B. Davidson, T. Gearheart, D. DeVoe, L. Herring and M. Sutton.

Many boys and girls throughout the long history of the Chester Center School have enjoyed participating in athletics, and many fans have anxiously awaited the next encounter with another foe. Pictured below are a group of the 1966 seniors discussing the school mascot, "The Indians."



Charlene Katte, Judy Walker, Karen Keller, Jackie Riesen and Dennis Hendricks.



FOUL ?????



WHERE'S THE BALL ?????



DUHHH!!!!

Sports Activity Pix



"SEND IN THE RESERVES"



"YOU PASS THE BALL TO ME"



960%

AT

CHESTER HIGH





FIRST ROW: Mr. Payne, Mr. Hendryx, Mrs. Kolter, Marilyn Gaiser, Gary Roush, Sharen Kershner, Connie Jo Haines, Rex Wolfe.
SECOND ROW: Marilyn Perry, Jerry Brickley, Randall Brown, Hansjorg Ebell. THIRD ROW: Dale Gearheart, Martha Gephart, Linda Grimm, Stevan Hartman. FOURTH ROW: Glenn Hendricks, Roger Lancaster, Patricia Leist, Frank Lugar, George Lugar, Barbara McCoy, Kenneth McMonigal, William Morris. FIFTH ROW: Ruth Osborn, Linda Paxson, James Pulley, Shirley Rains, Patricia Sills, Donald Thompson, Daniel Velasquez.

Class Of 1964

FIRST ROW: Mr. Payne, Timothy Slaughter, Richard Crosby, Joyce Merchant, Judy Wood, Diana Ickes, Mrs. Foy. SECOND ROW: Leon Gaiser, Judy Shoemaker. THIRD ROW: Daniel Anderson, Myrna Carnes. FOURTH ROW: Wayne Cupp, Linda Gearheart, Jack Holloway, Judith Michael, Mary Murray, Carol Nusbaumer. FIFTH ROW: Joseph Paxson, Linda Rector, Richard Shannon, Jack Sills, Mary Sills, Richard Williams.





Class Of 1963

FIRST ROW: Rex Harris, Joyce Shadle, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Payne, Cynthia Zehner, Karen McDonald. SECOND ROW: Charles Brocklesby, Tom Brocklesby. THIRD ROW: Merlin Burns, Ben Hamilton, Charles Harris, Earl Keller. FOURTH ROW: Lee Kershner, Bob Lugar, Denny Miller, Nancy Minnich, Judy Musselman, Carolyn Rains, Opal Tucker.

FIRST ROW: Mary Price, Thomas Michael, Patricia Brown, Mr. Payne, Mrs. Foy, Tom Harris, John Dickason. SECOND ROW: Charles Sills, Howard Canady, Carol Weatherholt, Michael Gearheart, Judith Pulley, David Beavans, Irma Blevins. THIRD ROW: Sharon Shadle, William Johnson, Paul Heffelfinger, Sue Merchant, Jack Shoemaker. FOURTH ROW: Michael Harris, Lawrence Schortgen, Richard Davidson, Cheryl Friar, Delmar Sills, Donna Ramseyer.





Class Of 1961

FIRST ROW: Karon Meyer, Carolyn Gearheart, Mrs. Boyer, Mr. Payne, Nancy Beavans, Constance Cooper. SECOND ROW: Jeffery Friar, James Davis. THIRD ROW: Kent Roush, Merl Lugar, Beverly Hendricks, Mora Blevins.

Class Of 1960

FIRST ROW: Barbara Allen, Sharon Hamilton, Richard Foy, Mr. Payne, Mrs. Foy, Kerry Miller, Marilyn Crosby. John Gearheart. SECOND ROW: Pat Murray, Barbara Bowers, David Brown, Kate Dickason. THIRD ROW: Carl Gephart, Kay Gephart, Stanley Gilbert, Jerry Ickes, John Maddox, Sondra Mannix. FOURTH ROW: Brady McCoy, Jim Ogle, Edna Roush, Emilie Schortgen, Gary Stinson, Matti Vasama, Shirley Williams.



As the 1960's began to unfold, consolidation and reorganizations of schools were main topics of discussion. The State Department of Instruction was re-evaluating each school in the state and requiring immediate changes.

Verlice Crosby was elected as trustee to head the school board in the 1960 elections. Jim Ogle, Kenneth Kennedy and Ward Showalter were elected to the Chester Advisory Board to help advise on school affairs.

In the spring of 1962 the four southern townships of Wells County--Chester, Jackson, Liberty, and Nottingham re-organized into Southern Wells Community Schools and a new School Board was appointed. Those forming the first Southern Wells Board of Education were Ward Showalter, Charles Day, Donald Williams, and Howard Baker with Lloyd Biberstine chosen as superintendent of the school.

Bill Payne, who was named principal in 1957, continued as the Chester principal through the 1965-66 school year.

Soon after Chester became a part of Southern Wells, a Ball State Survey Team headed by Dr. Merle Strom was called in to make a study of the educational needs of the school district. Pictured below is the survey team and a community discussion session.





Many high points throughout the school year have been anxiously awaited by Chester students. The elementary children dress for their annual Halloween party in the gymnasium. Preceding the party, they would parade through the high school class rooms to be viewed by the students.



The Student Council scheduled special convocations during the year which were enjoyed by the entire student body. Pictured below is Mr. Hansen and his bird show.



Junior class members nervously awaited their stage debut in the annual Junior Class Play. Then as they readied for their Senior Class Play, they were "old pros" and would inform the play director how it should be done.



The seniors each year looked forward to their Senior Trip. This annual affair was inaugurated in the late forties and continued through the '66 school term. Magazine sales, sock hops, raffles, Christmas card sales, bake sales and other campaigns were used to raise the necessary funds.

Pictured below is a group in front of the Nation's Capitol Building and in a United States senator's office.





Athletics have always played a very important part in the Chester educational process. Chester teams continued to battle the opposition throughout the sixties although not winning any tournament crowns. Since the Chester gymnasium was last used for high school games in the mid fifties, it was necessary for Chester athletes to play their home games at Roll, Montpelier, Poplar Grove, and Jackson.

A feature of the basketball season was the annual Homecoming Game which included the crowning of the Homecoming Queen. This ceremony was begun in 1955 and the following girls were Homecoming Queens:

1966	1960
Karen Keller	Marilyn Crosby
1965	1959
Connie Haines	Carole Canady
1964	1958
Judy Wood	Barbara Dalrymple
1963	1957
Judy Musselman	Karen Mounsey
1962	1956
Sheryl Friar	Carole Myers
1961	1955
Nancy Beavans	Myrna Sue Ogle

Another feature of the Homecoming Game was the special guests who came home. Pictured below are Chester Center Coaches who were in attendance at the 1964 affair.

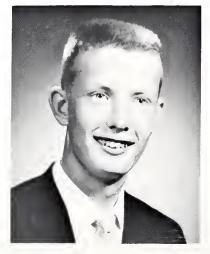


Ralph Huddleston, Clete Johnson, Eldon Carnes, Bill Payne, Owen Wemhoff, Dave Craig, Keith Showalter, Al Spandau, Bob Baumgardner, and Oscar Diehm.

Also, the oldest graduates in attendance at the affair were presented gifts. Pictured below is Principal, Bill Payne, presenting gifts to Mrs. Charles Wolfe and Robert Shively.



Chester students were privileged to have two guest students from foreign countries during two school terms. Pictured below are Matti Vasama of Finland (1960) and Hans Ebel of Germany (1965).







The Chester School is indebted to Dr. Paul Burns for the generosity and services accorded the graduates for the past nineteen years. Mr. Burns has awarded scholarships to the girl and boy with the highest scholastic average for the four years of high school.

The recipients of these scholarships were:

1966 Judy Walker Lamoine Nusbaumer

1965	1959	1953
Marilyn Gaiser	Carolyn Canady	Norma Woodard
Bill Morris	Dee Harold	Paul Zimmerman
1964	1958	1952
Judy Wood	Rose Marie Blair	Carolyn Musselman
Dick Shannon	Richard Watkins	Robert Dalton
1963	1957	1951
Judy Musselman	Eleanor Velasquez	Marjorie Ford
Ben Hamilton	Jerry Gearheart	John Reff
1962	1956	1950
Mary Price	Carole Myers	Peggy Davidson
Charles Sills	Tom Wamsley	Robert Dalton
1961	1955	1949
Nancy Beavans	Nancy Blevins	Betty Williams
Kent Roush	Ronnie Clamme	Joe Gilbert
1960	1954	1948
Marilyn Crosby	Mary Farlow	Helen Carnes
Brady McCoy	John Williams	Billie Fuller



This painting was presented to the school by Mrs. John Nestleroad in memory of her granddaughter, Deborah Harris, and her daughter, Susan Harris, who were victims of the Palm Sunday tornado which struck Chester Township April 4, 1965.

We also dedicate this memoriam to all deceased graduates of Chester Township.

IN MEMORIAM

C 950/5 H E S AT E









FIRST ROW: Wendell Osborn, Bill Mounsey, William Payne, Katheryn Foy, Galen Meyer, Darrell Rector. SECOND ROW: Dee Harrold, Sharon Carney. THIRD ROW: Carolyn Canady, Sandra Cooper, Louise Harris, Roger Harris. FOURTH ROW: Janet Jarboe, Terry Krinn, Richard Markley, Robert Morris, Lynn Osborn, Gale Ramseyer, Galen Weatherholt.

Class Of 1958

FIRST ROW: Harold Sills, Rose Marie Blair, Betty Sills, William Payne, Huber Settle, Richard Watkins, Barbara Dalrymple, Joyce Barnell. SECOND ROW: Darlene Anderson, Morris Beavans, Harry Brown, Paul Davis. THIRD ROW: Frank Dickason, Max Gephart, Roger Grover, Tom Harris, Allen Hunt, Frank Ifer. FOURTH ROW: Larry Kershner, Jerry Krinn, Evelyn Lewis, Beverly Lugar, Dale Musselman, Joyce Pulley, Vera Roush, Bill Shadle, Kay Taagle.





Class Of 1957

FIRST ROW: Lester Harris, Kathryn Foy, H. C. Settle, Elenor Velasquez. SECOND ROW: Judy Cooper, Janet Pulley, THIRD ROW: Diana Mitchell, Karen Cheesman, Dean Gephart, Jerry Gearheart. FOURTH ROW: Richard Hahn, Karen Mounsey, Max Murray, James Thomas, Kay Weatherholt.

FIRST ROW: Kay Wolfe, Evelyn Grimm, H. C. Settle, Eldon Carnes, Tom Wamsley, Ronald Harris. SECOND ROW: John Barner, Dee Beavans, Betty Brown, James Davidson. THIRD ROW: James Gearheart, Warem Huffman, Keith Karrick, James Lewis. FOURTH ROW: Raymond McDonald, Bill Michael, Carole Myers, Allen Penrod, Jack Sharpe, Ronnie Twibell, Doris Williams, Thomas Maddox.





Class Of 1955

FIRST ROW: Myrna Ogle, Bobby Zehner, H. C. Settle, Kathryn Foy, Ronald Clamme, Nancy Blevins. SECOND ROW: Phyllis Mounsey, J. P. Osborn, Carol Carnes, A. M. Foreman. THIRD ROW: Suzanne Friar, Marlene Hampton, Jim Harris, Delphur Lewis, Vallis McDonald, Wayne Miller, Ruth Murray. FOURTH ROW: John Murray, Linda Needler, Beverlyee Nusbaumer, Sharon Osborn, Gerald Oswalt, Juanita Payne, Rex Ramseyer, Adeline Ruse.

Class Of 1954

FIRST ROW: Marilyn Ford, John Williams, Eldon Carnes, H. C. Settle, Mary Farlow, Helene Schortgen, Ronnie Maddox. SECOND ROW: Jim Noble, Cynthia Apt, Terry Apt, Jean Cheesman. THIRD ROW: Jacob Gephart, Paul Herring, Emma Hunt, Sue Michael. FOURTH ROW: Paul Musseman, Corine Needler, Tom Perry, Jeanette Pond, Rollie Sharpe, Charles Sills, Benny Twibell.

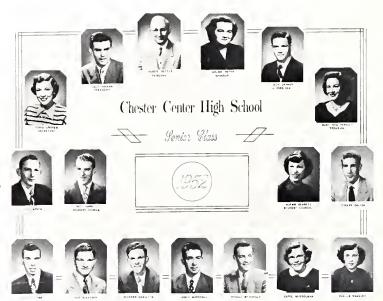




FIRST ROW: Madeline Ruse, Roger Minnich, H. C. Settle, Kathryn Foy, Paul Zimmerman, Carolyn Gilbert. SECOND ROW: Norma Woodard, Norma Beavans, Carolyn Carnes, Donald Oswalt. THIRD ROW: June McIntire, Allen Miller, James Miller, L. J. Montague, Brooks Mounsey, Mildred Payne. FOURTH ROW: Doris Rogers, Nile Sharpe, Clyde Snow, Robert Stepp, Patricia Watson, Joyce Weatherholt.

Class Of 1952

FIRST ROW: Doris Grover, Jack Havens, Huber Settle, Velma Hayes, Jack Zehner, Mary Weatherholt. SECOND ROW: Joe Carnes, Paul Harrold, Norma Bennett, Robert Dalton. THIRD ROW: Glen Gephart, Jack Glessner, Richard Hamilton, James Marshall. Ronald McDonald, Carol Musselman, Phyllis Wamsley.





Class Of 1951

FIRST ROW: Betty Slentz, John Reff, Max Snow, H. C. Settle, Albert Spandau, Robert Slusser, Keith Fuller, James VanCamp. SECOND ROW: Robert Bennett, Barbara Riggs, Charles Noble, Joyce Lincoln, Herbert Schorgen, Donald Pulley, Kenneth Meyer, Mary Sutton. THIRD ROW: Donald Pearson, Robert Sills, Nelda Cheesman, Marjorie Ford, Hubert Beavans, Donald Feltt, Irene Shadle, James Rogers.

FIRST ROW: Nellie Stinson, Robert Minnich, H. C. Settle, Kathryn Foy, Bill Emshwiller, Peggy Davidson. SECOND ROW: Noel Gaiser, Peggy Glessner, Thomas McGeath, Arden Hamilton, Donna Sharpe, Mona Mounsey, Catherine Miller. THIRD ROW: Donna Habig, Mac Farlow, Lloyd Bennett, Thomas Harter, Janet Nusbaumer, Robert Ewing.



As the 1950's moved in on the scene, Ed Cochran was trustee and his Advisory Board consisted of Ed Carmichael, Leslie Hamilton and Charles Crosby.

In the 1952 election Thurl Rogers was elected trustee to head the Chester School Board. Joe Pond, Olin Gilbert and Charles Crosby were elected to the Advisory Board.

Then in the 1956 election, Glen Jamision was elected trustee with Ward Showalter, Vick Mounsey and Kenneth Kennedy elected to the Advisory Board.

Huber Settle, who became principal in 1941, was principal of the school until the fall of 1957. William Payne, former Indian coach, succeeded Mr. Settle as principal of the school.

Since the school did not have a secretary, senior girls who were majoring in the business field worked in the school office one period each day. Pictured below are a group of office workers.



Sue Michael, Emma Hunt, Marilyn Ford, Jean Cheesman, Mary Farlow, Helene Schortgen and Cynthia Apt.



Many films and other visual aids were involved in the educational process each year. Pictured below is a group of film projector operators.



The library facilities were quite limited at the school. Students were permitted to use the Bluffton Library and the Bookmobile which visited our school each week. Students manned the library located at the rear of study hall. Pictured below is a group of student librarians.



Chester basketball teams played their home games in their own gym until the late forties. Then many games were shifted to other local gyms due to the small floor and seating capacity of the Chester gym. The last high school basketball game played in the Chester gymnasium was during the 1954-55 season. The Chester "B" team under the guidance of Bill Payne won their own invitational tournament.

Robert Baumgardner led his 1956-57 team to the championship of the Montpelier Blind Tourney. Pictures of the 1954-55 and the 1956-57 teams are shown below.





The school paper and the yearbook were published by the Journalism class which consisted of seniors.

The first yearbook was published during the 1924-25 school year and was called the "Memento." The staff included: Ethel Ladd, Eldon Carnes, Fred Park, Carrie Kimmel, Yolanda Perry, Vera Pinney, Catherine Starr, Elizabeth Burns, Harold Clark, Stanley Terman, Ruby Grove, Ruth Ann Worster, and Nelson Huffman.

After three publications the yearbook was discontinued and revived again during the mid forties. The book became known as the "War Whoop" and publication continued through the 1965-66 school year. Pictured below is the 1953-54 Journalism Class.





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ROW ONE: Irene Lowry, Harold Carpenter, Joe Gilbert, H. C. Settle - Principal, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, Betty Williams, Kay Mounsey. ROW TWO: Mary Lu Mann, Paul Wamsley, Hulda Emshwiller, Dwight Ramseyer, Martha Van Camp, Ed Carnes, Elmer Keller, Edgar Gruver. ROW THREE: Mona Jean Speece, Janet Long, Donald Gephart, Jack Myers, Olan Weatherholt, Darlene Lancaster, Patty Meyer, Bill Slentz.





Class Of 1948

ROW ONE: Gene Dawson, Betty Jamison, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, H. C. Settle - Principal, Bill Fuller, Joe Sleppy, Donna Bennett. ROW TWO: Jean Smith, Crystal Bennett, Joy Teagle, Jeanne Davidson, Helen Carnes, Vera Mounsey. ROW THREE: Pat Lincoln, Don McDonald, Josephine Velasquez, Barbara Reff, Ronald Glessner, Ruby Miller, Sarah Stinson.

Class Of 1947

ROW ONE: T. J. Bennett, G. C. Huffman, H. C. Settle - Principal, B. D. Kay - Sponsor, B. Burns, P. J. Meyer. ROW TWO: B. Riggs, J. Felt, J. Lillibridge, G. Long, R. Grimm, G. Pond, D. Miller. ROW THREE: M. Van Camp, R. Thornburg, A. Pearson, J. Gephart, M. Surfus, D. Shadle.





ROW ONE: Wanedith Bennett, Donald Wyant, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, H. C. Settle - Principal, Robert Murray, Anna Jane Stinson, Ferne Bennett. ROW TWO: Robert Highlen, Glenna Twibell, Ralph Gephart, Marcelle Sleppy, Laurent Chapman, Bonnie Bennett. ROW THREE: Lloyd Carter, June Gephart, Max Mounsey, Lois Warnsley, Ernest Reeve.

Class Of 1945

ROW ONE: F. Hart, B. Pearson, H. C. Settle-Principal, K. Foy - Sponsor, E. Teagle, R. Carmichael. ROW TWO: B. Myers, J. Farlow, E. Meyers, A. Crosby, D. Mounsey, C. Snow, J. Bennett, J. Couch. ROW THREE: S. Burns, I. Sills, Pvt. L. Bennett, P. Carnes, M. Swagart, J. White.



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Class Of 1944

ROW ONE: M. Julian, B. Wamsley, H. Meyers, H. C. Settle - Principal, K. Foy - Sponsor, W. Shadle, M. Beeks. ROW TWO: R. Weatherholt, R. Keller, C. Miller, C. Markley, K. Stinson, N. Keesling, M. Mounsey, F. Meyer, E. Gephart. ROW THREE: J. Wentz, H. White, P. Riggs, D. Reff, J. Kean, M. Stimpson, B. Lillibridge, A. L. Reeve.

ROW ONE: Maxine Love, Lee Sills, Jr.; Margorie Murrny, H. C. Settle - Principal, Margaret Lash, Eugene Smith, Nondes Zehner. ROW TWO: Charles Mowery, Delight Smith, Kenneth Snow, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, Charles Krummen, Anna Rose Meyers, Bernard Harrold. ROW THREE: Calvin Lincoln, Daniel Beeks, Ethel Harrold, Robert Carmichael, Evelyn Zehner, Warren Perry, Richard Burns.





Class Of 1942

ROW ONE: Roderick Nusbaumer, Pauline Merritt, H. C. Settle - Principal, Naomi Bloxsome, Donford Lancaster. ROW TWO: Doris Miller, Martha Stinson, Robert Slentz, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, Wayne Hamilton, Jean Fuller, Martha Miller. ROW THREE: Jane Thomas, Calvin Gruner, Avis Kunkel, Cletus Johnson, Doris Starr, Billy Grove, Catherine Snow. ROW FOUR: Mary Love, Robert Bennett, Dorothy Murphy, Hillard Roush, Helen Lowry, Albert Surfus.

Class Of 1941

ROW ONE: Roberta Carnes, Berneice Bennett, Arden Kunkel, Wayne Lee - Principal, Elmer Bennett, Winona Landis, Mary Carnes. ROW TWO: Wendell Hamilton, Ferne Starr, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, Helene Murray, Alfred Miller, ROW THREE: Bette Harris, Betty Riggs, Ward Showalter, Helen Brown, Lavere Oswalt, Helen Smith, Lois Erans.





ROW ONE: Eugene Couch, Jeanne Harris, Ernest Huffman, Wayne Lee - Principal, Robert Kummer, Betty Myers, William Carnes. ROW TWO: Thelma Harrold, Ernest Cochran, Lois Richards, Kathryn Foy - Sponsor, Rosa Harris, Dan Highlen, Frances Pearson. ROW THREE: Catherine Minnich, Blenda Mowery, Ralph Gilbert, Virginia Murphy, Sherman Keller, Hilda Harness, Dorothy Burns.

As the 1940's rolled around the Chester School was still standing but shaking from the previous ten years of wear and tear.

Wayne Lee, who became the principal in the fall of 1938, was the principal through the 1941 school year. Huber C. Settle became principal in the fall of 1941 and remained through the 1940's.

Everett Carnes was reelected to his second term as trustee in 1940 and served through 1944 as the school's chief administrator. Advisory Board members serving with Mr. Carnes were Harold Carter, Joe Pond and Jess Miller.

Then in the election of 1944, Edward Cochran was elected to head the Chester School board. Also, elected to the advisory board were Ed Carmichael, Leslie Hamilton and Charles Crosby.

In the 1948 election Edward Cochran was re-elected to head the school board. Charles Crosby, Herman Osborn and Win Noe were elected as advisory board members to help with the administration of school affairs.

Chester athletic teams were doing quite well up to this time, but sectional crowns had eluded them. As the new decade rolled around things were about to change as far as tournaments were concerned.

Keith Showalter, a 1933 Chester graduate, was coaching the Indians during the 1939-40 season and the drought came to an end as the Indians beat Liberty Center 28-27 to win their first Sectional Crown.



Left to right: Principal Wayne Lee, Ralph Gilbert, Ernest Cochran, Eugene Couch, Ward Showalter, Keith Showalter - Coach. FIRST ROW: Wayne Hamilton, Arden Kunkel, Bill Carnes, Bob Rogers, Elmer Bennett, Calvin Lincoln.

The ball used by the Champion Indians is shown at the right.

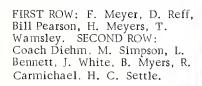


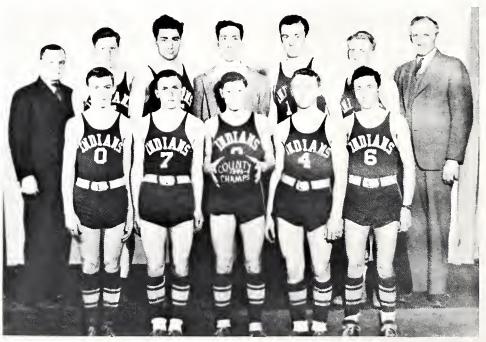
Cletus Johnson followed Keith Showalter as coach of the Chester Indians, and led them to their first County Championship in the 1941-42 season. Pictured below is the championship team.



TOP ROW: Jack Carnes, Bob Slentz, Bob Carmichael, John Hamilton. MIDDLE ROW: Maurice Simpson, Bud Lincoln, Wayne Hamilton. BOTTOM ROW: Dick Riggs, Dick Burns, and Wilbur Shadle.

Since World War II was hitting the country's man-power very hard at this time, many coaches and teachers were called into service. School officials were unable to find licensed coaches at this time so the Chester agriculture teacher, Oscar Diehm, took over the coaching duties. Mr. Diehm did quite well as he led his 1943-44 team to the Wells County Championship. Pictured below is the 1943-44 team.





Again the following year Coach Diehm led the Indians and this time they won the Sectional tournament. Pictured below is the team.



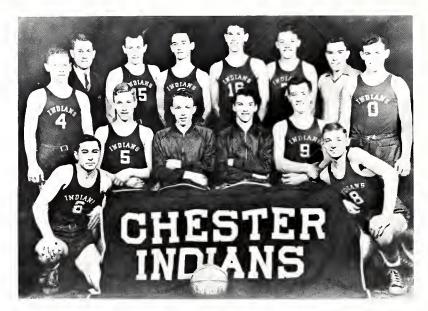
TOP ROW: Joe Gephart, manager; Oscar Diehm, Huber Settle, Jim White, manager. MIDDLE ROW: Bob Riggs, Frank Hart, Bob Myers, Lloyd Carter, Dick Carmichael. FRONT ROW: Paul Carnes, Dean Mounsey, Alfred Pearson, Bob Murray, and Bill Pearson.

After World War II was over Coach Diehm returned to his former job of agriculture teacher. Since Mr. Diehm took over coaching due to necessity, he had one particular slogan that he used to give the boys more drive. When the boys left the huddle to start the game, he would state "Remember Pearl Harbor." Mr. Diehm will always be associated by his former players with this slogan.

Albert Spandau replaced Mr. Diehm and led the Warriors to Sectional Championship in 1946-47 and a County Championship in 1947-48. Pictured below are these teams.



FIRST ROW: L. Huffman, B. Riggs, E. Grimm, A. Pearson. SECOND ROW: O. Weatherholt, J. Sleppy, D. McDonald, D. Shadle, E. Keller, THIRD ROW: M. Van Camp, J. Teagle, B. Fuller, J. Gilbert and Al Spandu.



FIRST ROW: Elmer Keller, Joe Gilbert, Arden Hamilton, Jack Myers, Don McDonald, Kay Mounsey. SECOND ROW: Olan Weatherholt, Coach Al Spandau, Joy Teagle, Bill Fuller, Gene Dawson, Tom Harter, Donald Gephart, Manager, Joe Sleppy.

Pictured at the right is the trophy won by the 1947 team coached by Al Spandau.



There are always many activities to attend during the school year and the early forties was no exception. During World War II rationing of gasoline and tires caused a great handicap on students as far as transportation was concerned. Unless you had extra coupons, a bicycle, your thumb or your own two feet came in very handy for transportation.

As the weather changed in the spring, cameras came out and some of the

school's activities were snapped.



Jane Thomas



Agnes Crosby, Rose Weatherholt, Jeannie Wentz.



Alice Reeve and Madonna Julian



Martha Stinson



Martha Miller



Naomi Bloxsoms



Clete Johnson and the boys



Wilbur Shadle, Phyllis Riggs, Herman Myers, Barbara Lillibridge.



Class of '45



Kid Day 1942



Albert Surfus and Pauline Meritt



Wayne Hamilton and his pipe!!



1942 Graduates



Kid Day 1944



Spring 1941



Senior Play Cast 1945



1930%

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FIRST ROW: Vaughn Murray, Betty Evans, Dewayne Weatherholt, Wayne Lee, Thomas Burns, Ruth Carmichael, Mary Krummer. SECOND ROW: Irvin Miller, Marianna Nusbaumer, Orland Lefforge, Catherine Oswalt, Paul Riggs, Mary Krummen. THIRD ROW: Edgar Bennett, Vera Minnich, George Merritt, Maro Williamson, Charles Bennett, Berthetta Carnes, and Verlice Crosby.

Class Of 1938

FIRST ROW: Waneta Smith, Hilliard Shadle, Crystal Lowry, Wayne Lee, Crystal Murray, Donald Kummer, Jane Highlen. SECOND ROW: VeOra Carnes, James Surfus, Willarene Dahlstrom, Kathryn Foy, Betty Harrold, Roy Harris, Helen Dillon. THIRD ROW: Catherine Smith, Lucille Kimmel, Glen Carnes, Winifred Myers, Verlin Friar, Geraldine Lincoln and Virginia Farlow.





Class Of 1937

FIRST ROW: Twis Spaulding, Warren Adsit, Richard Williamson, Hobart Black, John Wharton, Dee Brubaker, Ileen Johnson. SECOND ROW: Mildred Roberts, Melvin Harris, Elva Strouse, Lucile Johnson, John Kennedy, Bette Bauserman. THIRD ROW: Virginia Goodspeed, Margaret Burns, Norman Kunkel, Esther Dickerson, Virginia Smith, Paul Huffman, Maxine Spaulding, Irene Sills. FOURTH ROW: Charles Hahn, Martha McIntire, Everett Huffman, Delbert Crawford, Monnah Carnes and Kenneth Harrold.

FIRST ROW: William McIntire, Hildred Stinson, Wallace Riggs, Florence Bennett, Alfred Miller. SECOND ROW: Ferne Jarrett, Elva Fowerbough, Hobart E. Black, Warren Dickason. THIRD ROW: Louis Mieliken, Lewis Tappy. FOURTH ROW: Metson Runkle, Charles Dawson, Paul Oswalt, Howard Keller, Russel Carney, John Straw.





Class Of 1935

FIRST ROW: Yvonne Carnes, Herman Shadle, Hollis Simpson, H. R. Brunegraff, E. T. Chapman, Juaniece Morrison, Floyd Hahn, Mary Alspach, Naomi Oden, Kermit Runkle, Amy Adsit, Mary Pinney, Claude Penrod, Ilene Perry. THIRD ROW: Dale Pulley, Agnes Sutton, Elise Bradbury, Richard McIntire, Madeline Lincoln, Gale Kershner, Mildred Morton, Charles Wilson. FOURTH ROW: Eileen Carnes, Emory Foust, Jane Williamson, Arlin Krumen, Helen Bell, Claude Bennett, Kathleen Harris, Vivian Kunkel, Ruth Burkle.

Class Of 1934

FIRST ROW: Lillian McIntire, Charles Kennedy, Hugh Tate, Orthello Stephen, Cathern Bryce, Morris Hunnicutt. SECOND ROW: Wayne Bauserman, Wilma Bennett, Edgar Cochran, Myron Williamson, Grace Morrison, Dorothy Perry. THIRD ROW: Glen Dawson, Margaret Schaffler, Dortha Carnes, Gene Schmidt, Fredricca Wharton, Chloe Murray, Patrick Burns.





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FIRST ROW: Mary Johnson. Neldon Kennedy, Hugh Tate, S. M. Caldwell, George Carnes, Frances Nusbaumer. SECOND ROW: Glades Keller, Keith Shadle, Luana Simpson, Gene Milikan. THIRD ROW: Berniece Murray, Luster Roush, Garnet Bennett, Ward McCleery, Pauline Runkle, Lyle Millikan. FOURTH ROW: Roger Stinson, Vera Krummen, Gerald McIntire, Pauline Perry, Ethel Foreman, Clyde Huffman.

Class Of 1932

FIRST ROW: Violet B. Walters, Dorothy L. Meade, Frank S. Bruker, Huth Tate, Gerald W. Foust, M. Warren Bradbarry, Clara E. Bruns. SECOND ROW: Clifton Roy Beckett, Cleo M. Bennett, James E. Lockwood, George Mounsey, Robert H. Snow, Wilson C. Chaney. THIRD ROW: Henrietta Carnes, Carl B. Kennedy.





Class Of 1931

FIRST ROW: Irene Kean, Clyde Oswalt, Charles J. Good, Harvey Dawson, T. R. Charles, Leo McIntire, Paul Osborn. SECOND ROW: Lucille Myers, Glen Ker, Earl Roush, Blanche Huffman, Kenneth Runkle, Celetus Bryce, Margaret McClure. THIRD ROW: Aaron Cecil, Guy Kershner, Alvis Meade, Glen Pulley, Clarence Snow, Thelma Bennett, Frances Bell, Nellie Pinney.



Lacey Thornburg, Miriam Dickerson, Harold Roberts, Clara Roberts, Ernest Gilbert, Margaret Miller, Olan Gilbert, Clyde Teagle, Wilma Huffman, Ruby Osborn, Leslie McIntire, Lester McIntire, Waldo Bailey, Esther Zehner, Charles Retz, Mary Kunkel, Gerald Zehner, Pauline McIntire.

The economy of the county was moving very slowly as the 30's entered upon the scene. The Great Depression was in full swing and was keenly felt all over the country. Chester students and their families felt the "money pinch" as well as anyone else. Although money was quite scarce, and luxuries at a minimum, this didn't dampen the enthusiasm and spirits of the many students walking around Chester High halls.

T. P. Charles was the school principal through the 1930-31 school year. Then in the fall of 1931 Hugh Tate took over the reigns of the school and was principal through the 1934 school year. H. R. Brunegraff was the principal during the 1934-35 year, and he was replaced by Hobart Black in the fall of 1935. Mr. Black remained as principal until the fall of 1937, and then Wayne Lee finished out as principal through the 30's.

John Osborn was elected trustee and served through 1932 with Carl Huffman, James Ogle, and Herschel Gilbert as his advisory board.

In the 1932 election Calvin Shadle was elected trustee. Cleophas Myers, Francis Gilbert, and Curtis Arnold were elected to the advisory board. Mr. Arnold died during his term of office and was replaced by James Thomas.

In the 1936 election, Everett Carnes was elected trustee of Chester Township. Those selected as Advisory Board members were Joe Pond, Harold Carter and Omar Smith.

Chester athletic teams were very active as they participated in basket-ball, softball, and track. The Indians won their first tourney in 1936 when they won the Montpelier Blind Tournament. Pictured below are the only available pictures of basketball teams during this period.



1934-35

ROW ONE: Floyd Hahn, Dee Brubaker. ROW TWO: Wallace Riggs, Claude Penrod, Herman Shadle. ROW THREE: Everett Chapman, Chuck Hahn, Hillard Shadle, Melvin Harris, Glen Carnes, John Kennedy.



1938

ROW ONE: George Merritt, DeWayne Weatherholt, Verlice Crosby, Hillard Shadle, Ernest Cochran, Donald Kummer, Bill Carnes. ROW TWO: Wayne Lee, Thomas Burns, James Surfus, Paul Riggs Jr., Ralph Gilbert, Glen Carnes, Charles Bennett, Keith Showalter.

1938-39

ROW ONE: Wilson Dickerson ROW TWO: DeWayne Weatherholt, Jerome Walker, Verlice Crosby, George Merritt, Charles Bennett, Bill Carnes. ROW THREE: Thurman Landis Jr., Ernest Cochran, Keith Showalter, Ralph Gilbert, Paul Riggs Jr.



Chester has had two school songs. The first was written in the fall of 1923 and is as follows:

In the galleries of memory,
There are pictures bright and fair
But the ones of Chester High School
Are the brightest ones that are there.
Alma Mater, how we love thee,
With a love that ne'ar can fade
And we feel we owe a debt to you
That never can be paid.

Then in the fall of 1936 the students desired to change the song and under the leadership of Dorothy Burns the following song was arranged and was used through the school year 1966.

Cheer, cheer for old Chester High.
Grab up the ball and throw it through the goal.
While our fans sit watching near,
Oh, yell like Indians while you're here.
Whether the score be less than theirs;
Baskets will ring from everywhere,
While our Indian Braves are playing
Better to win this game.

Chester students were also doing fine in other academic and extra curricular activities.

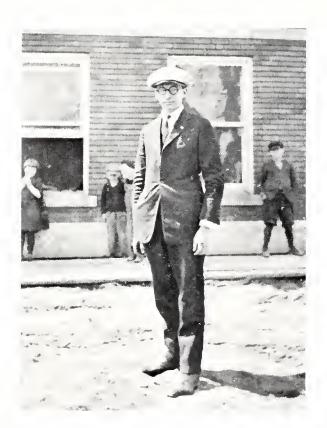
In the Wells County Safety Contest, Chester dominated the affair and won the huge trophy. Warren Adsit won the contest in 1936 and 1937 and Marianna Nusbaumer won in 1938.

Betty Schmidt won a very nice trophy for the school as she won the W.C.T.U. Contest in 1938.

Chester School received another nice trophy in 1943 as Clara Burns won the top journalism trophy for the district.

Chester Township has been very fortunate in securing willing, sincere, and patient men as school bus drivers throughout the years. These men have played a very important part in the education of our youth. Below are these devoted men who served between the years 1931 and 1966.

- 1931-32 Otto Hamilton, James Dale, Earl Smith, Earl Murray, and Earl Merritt.
- 1932-33 Alvin Walker, Otto Hamilton, Webber Ludlum, Virgil Cain, Arthur Kennedy.
- 1933-34 & 1934-35 Otto Hamilton, Virgil Cain, Alvin Walker, Nathan Teagle, Arthur Kennedy.
- 1935-36 James Bryce, Elmer Oswalt, Charles Crosby, Earl Murray, Nathan Teagle.
- 1936-37 & 1937-38 & 1938-39 Elmer Oswalt, James Bryce, Ora Penrod, Earl Murray, Nathan Teagle, Earl Roush, Raymond Carney.
- 1939-40 Elmer Oswalt, Raymond Carney, Charles Murray, Ora Penrod, George Snow.
- 1940-41 Elmer Oswalt, Raymond Carney, Glen Jamison, Ora Penrod, George Snow, Homer Shadle.
- 1941-42 Glen Jamison, Elmer Oswalt, Ora Penrod, George Snow, Homer Shadle.
- 1942-43 Russ Carnes, Elmer Oswalt, Ora Penrod, Charles Wolfe, Glen Jamison, Homer Shadle.
- 1943-44 Nathan Teagle, Gerald Zehner, Ora Penrod, Charles Wolfe, Harold Stroud, Claire Walker.
- 1944-45 Henry Harter, Charles Wolfe, Nathan Teagle, Gerald Zehner, Ora Penrod, Ernest McDonald.
- 1945-46 & 1946-47 Charles Wolfe, Gerald Zehner, Ernest McDonald, Nathan Teagle, Henry Harter, Ora Penrod.
- 1947-48 & 1948-49 & 1949-50 & 1950-51 John Minnich, Nathan Teagle, Gerald Zehner, Harlod Stroud, Ora Penrod.
- 1951-52 & 1952-53 Ora Penrod, John Minnich, Aaron Cecil, Lester Beavans, Earl Smith, Jess Miller.
- 1953-54 & 1954-55 Harlod McGeath, Ora Penrod, Jess Miller, John Minnich, Lester Beavans, Gilbert Hunt.
- 1955-56 & 1956-57 Russ Carnes, Raymond Carney, Bill Weatherholt, Dean Mounsey, Wayne Thompson, Taylor Anderson.
- 1957-58 Russ Carnes, Raymond Sills, Bill Weatherholt, Dean Mounsey, Wayne Thompson, Taylor Anderson.
- 1958-59 Russ Carnes, Raymond Sills, Bill Weatherholt, Dean Mounsey, Taylor Anderson.
- 1959-60 & 1960-61 & 1961-62 & 1962-63 Lester Beavans, Raymond Sills, Bill Weatherholt, Dean Mounsey, Harold Slaughter, Taylor Anderson.
- 1962-63 & 1963-64 & 1964-65 & 1965-66 Lester Beavans, Bill Weatherholt, Dean Mounsey, Taylor Anderson, Jack Zehner.



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Fred Burns, Mary Burns, T. P. Charles - Principal, Paul Thornburg, Audrey McIntire, Thomas Twibell, Iris Millikan, Earle Barnthouse, Delight Huffman, Butler Crawford, Iva Dowson, Helen Flick, Joe Mounsey, Maxine Huddleston, Dowell Ifer, Eula Cochran, Alfred Ramseyer, Charles Perry, Charles Booher, Rosamond Manor, Gaiser Maddox, Glen Kennedy, George Lugar.

Class Of 28

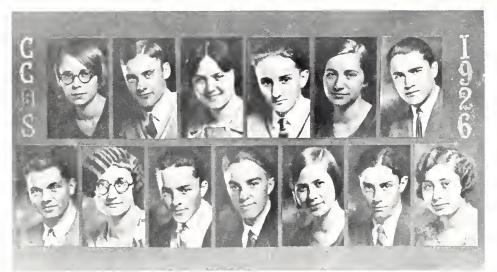
Glen Kean, Lena Keller, Paul Uptgraft, Florence Bell, Robert Shively, Beatrice Pinney, June Deckerson, Carl Fuller, Gail Roberts, George Myers, John Booher.





Class Of 27

Cecile Miller, Twylo Irvin, Roy McIntire, Mary Barnthouse, Stella Burklo, Gladys Shadle, Arnet Meade, Hugh Barner, Garnet Snow, Clyde Carnes, Walter Smith, Paul Burns, Mabel Dickason, Marguerite Bailey, Roland Clark, Cary E. Mounsey - Principal, Hazel B. Modlin - Sponsor, John Ina Long, Mae Smith, Rosamond Walter.



Ina Mae Riggs, Claude A.
Dolby, Mildred Carnes, Harry
L. Mann, Josephine P. Markley,
Robert H. Gilbert, Wendell
Williams, Ruth Retz, Nelson
Huffman, Hugh Kenneth Shively,
Mary Elizabeth Cochran, Robert
Burns, Vera Belle Roberts.

Class Of 25

Vera Pinney, Ruby Marie Grove, Harold Clark, Catherine Starr, Ethel Anise Ladd, Ruth Ann Worster, Eldon Carnes, Yolanda Mae Perry, Elizabeth Burns, Frederick Park, Carrie Mae Kimmel.





Class Of 24

Mary Minnich, Doris Arnold, Myrtle Brinneman, Chauncy Ladd, Ruth Weaver, Gladys Smith.

Since the present Chester Center School was completed in the summer of 1923, many eager pupils awaited for that first day in the new school.

Pupils were greeted by their new busses (1) which usually were entered from the rear. After delivering the students, the busses were parked near the school house for the day. (2)

Since the grounds had not been completed, students were forced to use board walks to get to the school and boards were also used as sidewalks. (3) (4)

After arriving at school, the students were greeted by their new principal, Walter Krich, and the 1923-24 faculty. (5)



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4



Picture 5



Picture 6

Once the school year was under-way many activities and clubs were planned for the students.

The Home Economics classes under the direction of Madge Cassell were very enthusiastic as they studied Homemaking. (6)

Athletic schedules were soon arranged by Coach Huddleston and many anxious young men answered the call to battle to carry the Chester Center banner. (7) All athletes eagerly awaited for the day when award sweaters were awarded. (8)

Basketball for girls was arranged when Dave Craig took over the coaching chores for Chester, and it wasn't many years until the Squaws were county champs. (9)



Picture 7



Picture 8

What was it like forty years ago at dear old C. C. H. S. ?? The following school calendars were taken from the 1925-26-27 yearbooks.

September 1924

- 8--First day of school. All handicapped because of lack of books.
- 9--All pupils were seated alphabetically in the assembly for the benefit of the "Big Four."
- 10--Faculty is sized up.
- 11--First kickout. Clyde J. Carnes kicked out of class.
- 20--Sleppy weather--Oh--Hum!
- 22 -- Seniors organize class. Yeh. Seniors!
- 25--Sign up for Lyceum course.
- 26--School dismissed for Bluffton Street Fair. "May I take you on the merry-mix-up?"
- 29--Seniors have their first dispute--class rings.

December 1924

- 1--Annual Staff elected.
- 3--Accident in the laboratory. John Booher tries an experiment with sulphuric acid on Larkin Batson's head.
- 5--Miss Mary White, member of last year's faculty, visits school.
- 10--Carrie loses her pills. Everyone in a scramble to find them.
- 11--Everything low spirit, grades, and deportment.
- 15--Ruth Ann disappears from history. The rest of the class find her locked in the library.
- 18--Miss Cassell makes new ruling, "No Rouge." The seventh and eighth grade girls have a face washing time.
- 19--Four girls kicked out of class for failure to obey the rule.
- 23 -- Big exam party. Everyone invited.
- 24--More exams. Everybody anxious for the Christmas vacation.
- 25--Jan. 5--Christmas vacation.

November 1926

- 2--Joe cries and Mae laughs because Ruth Ann changed from Miss to Mrs.
- 3--County Superintendent French visits school.
- 4--Juniors elect editor-in-chief and business manager for next year's annual.
- 5--Faculty and Senior pictures taken for the annual.
- 6--Pep session. Game with Berne tonight.
- 9--Blue Monday.
- 10--Electric iron disappears.
- 11--Donald Penrod is missing. No one seems to know where he is.
- 12--Donald returns. Fort Wayne women visit school.
- 13--Kid Day! For seniors only. Hair ribbons, dolls, and short trousers apparent.
- 16--An addition to the Miller family--a girl.
- 17 -- Americanization program tonight in observance of Americanization Week.
- 18 -- More Americanization.
- 19 -- Still more.
- 20--Glee Club sings at McNatt. Boys win basketball game with Lafayette Center.
- 23--Girls' basketball suits given out.
- 24--Parent-Teacher Association organized.
- 25--Boys played Liberty Center--lost. Girls played Pennville--won.
- 30--Back after Thanksgiving vacation. Ethel Ladd visits school.

February 1927

- 7--Plans made to send waitresses to Farmers' Institute Banquet.
- 8--Agriculture classes attend Farmers' Institute at Bluffton.
- 9--Roland Clark wins prize for essay on Farmers' Institute.
- 10--Home Economics class attends Farmers' Institute at Bluffton.
- 11--Back to normal after the institute.
- 14--Girls' basketball team wins over Petroleum.
- 15--Box social at Chester.
- 16--Cast selected for the "Arrival to Kitty."
- 17 -- Mr. Mounsey throws knee out of joint.
- 18--Basketball game with Berne.
- 21 -- Mildred Carnes, 26, honor student at Muncie State Normal, visits school.
- 22 -- Washington's birthday. No vacation.
- 23--New moon today.
- 24--Merle Lugar knocked cold in assembly. Mr. Miller, sentry, asleep on post, but awakes in time for first aid.
- 25--Showery.
- 28--Seniors planning trip to legislature, find it adjourned.

March 1927

- 1--Seniors send telegrams in physics class.
- 2--"The Arrival of Kitty," all-school play presented.
- 3--Mr. Craig absent due to the death of his sister.
- 4--First game of interclass basketball tourney played.
- 8--Sweaters for girls' and boys' basketball teams awarded.
- 9--"The Arrival of Kitty" presented at Petroleum.
- 10--"The Hoosier Schoolmaster" read to assembly by Mr. Marshall.
- 14--Senior girls play first game in tourney.
- 15--Physical education class takes a hike.
- 16--Zephyrs of spring.
- 17--Seniors have "Kid Day."
- 18--Boys stand in line at Ben's radio to get state basketball tourney returns.
- 21 -- Senior boys win their first game in the tourney.
- 22--Characters chosen for the senior play.
- 23--Senior girls win over seventh grade in basketball tourney.
- 24--Senior colors on school house. All seniors wear blue and white.
- 25--Mr. Mounsey orders the colors struck with no enemy in sight.
- 28--Senior boys and girls win in semi-finals of tourney.
- 29--Tickets issued for "Mother Goose's Garden."
- 30--Sophomores show class spirit by displaying the cream and lavendar. Senior boys win tourney.
- 31 -- Physics class tests the speed of sound.

The Chester Center School was guided by trustee O. F. Tate during the years 1920 to 1928. His advisory board consisted of Win Noe, Otis Starr, William Twibell, and Lyman Zehner.

In the 1928 election John Osborn was elected trustee. Herschel Gilbert, Carl Huffman, and James Ogle were elected to the advisory board.

Walter Krick was the first principal of the Chester Center Consolidated School. He was followed by Cary Mounsey who relieved Krick before the 1924-25 school year. T. P. Charles replaced Mr. Mounsey before the 1928-29 year.

Students were very anxious to see the large snow falls so that an added vacation might be taken. Boys might be found loitering at Keystone (20), or perhaps they were helping with the butchering (21), seed corn selecting (22), hauling livestock to market (23), or just plain "skipping" (24). Anyway, these were the excuses given the principal.



Picture 20



Picture 22



Picture 21



Picture 23



Picture 24

Times have really not changed much as everyone likes to get into the picture. The following photos were taken during the last few weeks of the school year.



Huddleston, Warner, Moldin, Cassell, Mounsey, Castill, Miller.



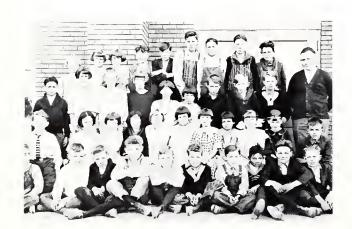
Faculty warming up car



Madge Cassell's Class



First C. C. H. S. Graduating Class



Delmar Harrold's Class



Tess Bailey's Class



Picture 9



Mabel Dickason, Mary Snodgrass, Delight Huffman, Stella Burkillo, Frances Clark.



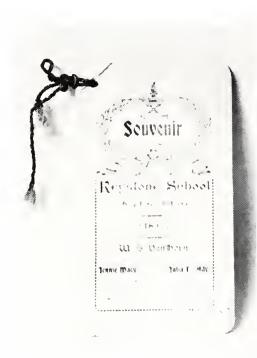
1926-27 Squaws



Hugh Barner



Twylo Irvin and Ina Riggs







Graduates of the years 1920 through 1923 did not graduate from the Keystone High School but from those schools listed below.

1923	
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Claude Sills Liberty Center	
Clyde White Liberty Center	c
Bernice Markley Petroleum	1
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Kenneth Kennedy Montpeller	
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At the end of the year 1908 the Keystone High School obtained its commission and the length of the term for graduating classes of 1908-1919 was changed from three to four years.

1919 Mrs. Clara (Walker) England Catherine Young Mrs. Nellie (Fisher) Cowens Grace Millikan

1917

George England Ralph Starr Marguerite (Neff) Dormant 1918

Elsworth Baldwin Charles England Mrs. Gladys (Gruver) Grover Mrs. Mabel (Lenning) Wolfe Lawrence McGeath Denzil Millikan

1916

Alexander Ludlum Mrs. Cecil (Kennedy) Nusbaumer Mrs. Chloe (Walker) Carnes Gerald Nusbaumer Donald Scott Ralph Perry Jessie Blair

1915 Critendon Mason Goldie Lenning Err Neff Joe Pond Carl Twibell

Ray Thomas Eunice Walker Hugh Wolfe

Howard Mason

1914

Charles Miller Flossie Dawley

1913

Lewis Lowry Ralph Thomas

Mrs. Ethel (Wood) Williamson

1912

Mrs. Mabel (Bell) Haecker Weber Ludlum Ermen C. Williamson Donald Showalter

1911

Mrs. Lula (Nusbaumer) Glass Mrs. Chloe (Hall) Herwick

1910

Mrs. Pearl Dye

Mrs. Edna (McCullick) Bonse

Mrs. Anna (Baldwin) Arthur E. Brubaker

1909

Mrs. Dale Spaulding Mrs. Anna Mulvehill

Thomas Irvin

1908

Mrs. Pearl (Lancaster) Dye

Mrs. Dale (Williamson) Spaulding

Mrs. Emma (Cochran) Russell

Thomas Irvin Clyde Walter

1907

Mrs. Bessie (Burns) Denison Mrs. Eva (Risley) Rhea

Mrs. Arley (Showalter) Stine Mrs. Nellie (Myers) Shimp

Clarence McCullick Howard W. Markley

1906

Mrs. Glenna (Brubaker) Perry Mrs. Clara (Greenfield) Burns Mrs. Esta (Cochran) Booher

Harry Walter

1905

Dana Kizer

Mrs. Lula (Showalter) Griffin

1904

Mrs. Julia (Black) McCullick Mrs. Maggie (Walker) Kennedy Mrs. Leone (Marsh) Erick

1903

Mrs. Rose (Marsh) Mounsey

Lillian Marsh

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1901

Kenneth B. Kizer Orley Lancaster

1900

O. C. Mounsey

The Keystone School was built during the years 1898-99. This was a big, modern constructed building housing grades 1 through 12.

Distinction came to the town of Keystone through sports. In the early 1900's the Keystone football team was unbeatable and the basketball team won the State High School Championship in 1901 by defeating Muncie. There was no State Athletic Association at this time and games were played mostly by invitation. All reports state that Muncie residents were a little unruly after the Keystone boys defeated their team and rumors stated that the team was very happy to leave the town in "one piece."

Basketball was introduced at Keystone, the first in Wells County, by County Superintendent A. R. Huyette, who became principal of the Keystone School.

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The girls and boys were no different than those of today in many ways. They enjoyed activities, parties, and their vehicles. Some available pictures are shown on the next page.



Clint Farlow and his new Ford



Charles Crosby in his 1916 Overland



Chloe Carnes, Tom Irvin, Cecile Nusbaumer.



Gerald Nusbaumer, Don Scott, Chloe Carnes, Cecile Nusbaumer, Alex Ludlum, Jesse Blair, Ralph Perry.



"AWARDS DAY"



Catherine Starr Carnes on her way to school.



1911-1912

FIRST ROW: Mabel (Bell) Haecker, Ethel (Wood) Williamson, Ethel (Bennett) Carnes. Grace (Lancaster) Abshire, Flossie (Dawley) Cummins, Goldie Lenning, Eva Kunkle, Eunice (Walker) Kean. SECOND ROW: Webber Ludlm, Roy Fink, Ralph Thomas, Shirley (Gaiser) Maddox, Ethel (Campbell) Herbst, Ray Thomas, Ralph Bowers. THIRD ROW: Vertner Snow, Ermin Willianson, Cebert Abshire, Hugh Wolfe, Loy Fink, Joe Pond, Err Neff, Mac Farlow. FOURTH ROW: Carl Twibell, Charley Miller, G. C. Pweres, C. H. Markley, Al Irvin, Don Showalter, Everett Carnes, Lewis Lowry.

1915 and 1916

FIRST ROW: Cecile Kennedy, Chloe Walker, Edith Wood, Mable Lenning, Maisie Cessel, Ruth Neff, Madge Cessel, Sulvia Miller, Clara Walker. SECOND ROW: ----Harris, Nellie Williamson, Ingrid Bright, Catherine Young, Bladys Grower, Nellie Fisher, Geneva Beard. THIRD ROW: Raymond Lowry, ----, Carry Meyers, Carry Ice, Grace Miligan, Zada Lane, Pauline Kean, Dell Murray. FOURTH ROW: George England, -----, Jesse Blair, Ralph Perry, Ralph Starr. FIFTH ROW: Denzel Milligan, Everret Landis, Ellsworth Baldwin, Alex Ludlum, Gerald Nusbaumer, -----Parrot, Clifford Twible. SIXTH ROW: Louis Sawner, Charles Ennland.



1917-1916

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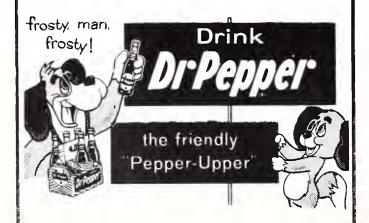
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